

6. Preapplications not selected by the State Office will be returned to the applicants through the appropriate District Offices with notice of appeal rights.

7. In accordance with §1944.525 of this subpart, State Offices will be advised of the number of preapplications to be submitted from each state to the National Office.

E. Sections 1944.531 and 1944.533 of this subpart detail the responsibilities of the State Office after tentative selection or concurrence of the TSA grantees by the National Office. Those preapplicants not selected will be promptly notified and their preapplication returned with notice of appeal rights. Form AD-622, "Notice of Preapplication Review Action," will be mailed from the State Office to the applicants. District Offices will receive a copy from the State Office.

F. After execution of the grant agreement, the State Office will work closely with the District Office and the grantee to obtain additional resources from other Federal and State agencies to meet the needs of the TSA service area. The State Office should closely review the quarterly project performance reports and assist the District Director, as appropriate, in resolving any problems or taking advantage of favorable funding or program opportunities.

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**EXHIBIT C TO SUBPART K OF PART 1944—  
INSTRUCTIONS FOR DISTRICT OFFICES  
REGARDING THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES  
IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE  
TECHNICAL AND SUPERVISORY AS-  
SISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM**

A. The District Office will maintain for distribution to potential applicants, upon request, a supply of preapplication packets consisting of:

1. SF 424.1.
2. Form FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 400-1, "Equal Opportunity Agreement."
3. Form FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 400-4, "Assurance Agreement."
4. Form FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 1940-20, "Request for Environmental Information."
5. Subpart K of part 1944 of this chapter.

B. District Directors will provide any necessary assistance in completing preapplication forms.

C. All applicants will submit preapplications to District Offices. Upon receipt of the preapplication the District Director will review it to ensure that the preapplication is complete and make assess-

ments required by §1944.526(b)(1) of this subpart.

D. The District Director will provide written comments to be attached to the preapplication. These comments will, at a minimum, address the following items:

1. Whether the area to be covered by the project is a "rural area" as defined by FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 regulations.
2. The District Director's knowledge of the applicant's past history.
3. The need for the proposed activity, and its relationship to the targeting strategies for the District.
4. Appropriateness and applicability of this proposal for FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 implementation funds.
5. Extent of citizen involvement in development of preapplication, particularly the involvement of minority and/or low-income groups.
6. All other criteria specified in §1944.529 of this subpart.
7. The comments and recommendations of the County Supervisors for the proposed TSA service area.

E. The District Director will forward the original and one copy of the preapplication and accompanying documents along with the comments and a summary recommendation to the State Director within ten (10) working days of receipt of the preapplication.

F. Those applicants invited to submit applications will submit their applications to the District Office with two copies. The District Office will retain the original for the docket and forward one copy to the appropriate State Office after making sufficient copies to forward one copy to each of the appropriate County Offices.

G. The District Director, upon receipt of the application, will prepare a docket in accordance with §1944.531 of this subpart. The procedures for approval and project servicing are detailed in this subpart.

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**EXHIBIT D TO SUBPART K OF PART 1944—  
AMENDMENT TO TECHNICAL AND SUPERVISORY ASSISTANCE GRANT AGREEMENT**

This Amendment to Agreement dated \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_ between \_\_\_\_\_  
herein called "Grantee," organized and operating under \_\_\_\_\_

(authorizing State Statute)

and the United States of America acting through the Farmers Home Administration, Department of Agriculture, herein called